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## **SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN**

New York dairy herds produced 981 million pounds of milk during September according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Milk cows declined while production per cow was unchanged from the previous year resulting in a 1.4 percent decrease in milk production compared to September 2008. The number of milk cows averaged 617 thousand head, down 9,000 head from September of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1590 pounds, unchanged from the September 2008 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$12.50 per hundredweight of milk sold during September, down \$0.50 from August and \$6.50 below September a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.9 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from September 2008. August revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from August 2008. The August revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,672 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 168,000 head less than September 2008 and 32,000 head less than August 2009.

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